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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Common Origin of All Religions.

Part V. The Origin of Serpent Worship.

ONE OF THE supreme and fundamental factors of being, and one which enters into the elementary constitution of thought as portrayed in the advancement of the great religious systems of the world, is that in which the serpent dominantly co-ordinates. The term serpent is derived from the word *sapientis*, to be wise. The Lord himself enjoined his disciples thus: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents;" an enunciation implying the significance of the serpent as the symbol of wisdom. That "the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made," is pronouncedly a declaration supremely significant of the relation that this principle of animal life sustains to the laws of procreation and perpetuity. We have frequently announced the fact that the serpent, in the language of symbolism, signifies commercial wisdom. There are two distinctive and diverse spheres of its application. We will illustrate these as we proceed. The wisdom of commerce is related to three principal domains of commercial activity; namely, secular life, theological or religious life, and domestic life. In each of these domains there exist both the true and false standards of wisdom. One standard is represented by the divine serpent (wisdom), the other by the diabolic serpent.

How essentially and fundamentally the serpent principle enters into the prerogatives of divine prescience as pertaining to the development of the human race in its ascension toward and into the Deific acme of its predestination, may be illustrated in its insinuation into all the religious lore of the past, including the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. One of the important attainments of the human mind, in its progress toward the fulfillment of its destiny as the offspring of the universe, is that acquisition of experience which enables it

to discriminate between truth and fallacy, good and evil. The initiation of the mind into the possibility and power of such discrimination, is through the principle and element of organic development represented by the serpent. According to Scripture:

The serpent [the instrumentality of development] was more subtle [*arom*, naked] than any beast of the field, which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked [*crummin*, exposed, the identical word as that previously rendered subtle]; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons (girdles, *hagoroth*, from the root *hagar*, to bind together).

From the foregoing, it is obviously apparent that as God made the serpent (the most naked animal characteristic of the animal life of Deity), that he was made through the inherent principles of life obtaining in Deity, produced for the specific purpose, in the divine prescience, of developing in God's human creation those discriminating powers which constitute him (man) the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and its fruit. This tree, it will be noticed, was in the middle of the garden. Before man could become the Tree of Life and its fruit, he had to become, through appropriation, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and its fruit. It is this knowledge, obtaining in man by virtue of experience, that enables him to distinguish between good and evil, and to appropriate the one and reject the

other. If, then, the knowledge acquired through the insinuations of wisdom (symbolized by the serpent) were essential to human perfection, why, it will be asked, did God forbid Adam and Eve to eat of this fruit? This is one of those Scriptural paradoxes which have not only confounded the wisest Biblical students and investigators, but placed in the mouths of cynical and caviling critics, arguments against the divine authenticity of the Bible.

God made man in his own image and likeness, and breathed into him his own life, and made him the offspring of God. This man is possessed of two determinations; the upward (inward) and the downward (outward). The ascending life, the spirit of the man that goeth upward (into God), hears the command, thou shalt not eat, lest ye die. This ascending man does not eat, for his ascent into the final destiny of his being is made because of a previous eating of the same fruit, and his previous fall; and he does not die. God's animal character, of which the serpent is the most subtle, descends under the direct influence of that appropriation in which man is absorbed into the attributes and functions of Deity, through which, in the animal or descending life of God, the debris or precipitation passes down or outward into the regenerating race.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast [animal] of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it [the woman's seed] shall bruise thy head [the head of the serpent], and thou shalt bruise his [the seed of the woman] heel.

The Lord Jesus Christ was not the woman's seed, but he was the serpent's head. This head "was bruised for our iniquities: and with his stripes are we healed."

The great serpent, the leviathan, the great dragon, is that principle in being and in nature by which there is an extension and perpetuation of both life and death. The Lord, the Christ of God, in that power of his life in which he was drawn out of the Jewish race to be retransplanted in the people of the succeeding age, comprised the head of the serpent which was bruised by the seed of the degenerate church. The Lord was the seed of the Father, the *semen patris*, not the seed of the woman. "He is the head of all principality and power," therefore the head of the principality, even of satan.

Dan represented the principle of judgment in God and man, which is the principle of wisdom, hence, "Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path." When the Jews had been guilty of misdeeds demanding punishment, fiery, flying serpents were sent to bite them unto death; and while they were suffering their penalty, Moses had a brazen serpent lifted up in the wilderness, which, if they would look upon it, would restore them to health. This brazen serpent was the symbol of that divine wisdom of God and man, ultimating in the science of immortal life. It did not point to Christ the Lamb, as he was manifest nineteen hundred years ago, but as he appears at the end of the age, manifest as the Great Physician who shall usher into the world the immortal life of the body. The brazen serpent represented the union of the two elements of individuality and person, the invisible and visible identity of the Godhead. As the serpent lifted up in the wilderness—symbol of the wisdom of science—was worshiped by the Jews, so the divine Scientist, the lifting up of the Christ from his burial in the race, will also be worshiped by future generations, until the generations shall end for whom he is prepared.

A Sword Thrust for Conceited Wiseacres.

THERE are some people who profess to acknowledge that Koresh is the Originator and Founder of Koreshanism, and who nominally claim to be Koreshans, while at the same time they "take no stock," as they say, in the prophecies of Koresh regarding certain material projects to be instituted and fulfilled in the practical affairs of social and commercial life. These people will awake, one of these days, to a consciousness of their prodigious conceit, profound ignorance, and mental paucity.

The entrances to the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico mark the pole of commercial enterprise around the world in two directions; namely, north and south, and east and west. The circuit of this pole defines Southern Florida as a definite center of the commercial activity of the world for future generations. The fools may scoff at our apparent lack of foresight, but we can afford to work and wait until God's appointed time.

We are scientifically able to fix upon the vitellus of

the great egg, the center at which the vortex of disintegration and integration begins, the point also, for the descent of the New Jerusalem from the spiritual to the outward and natural degree of its formulation. The Shepherd of this age has aggregated the spirits of the invisible Jerusalem. He knows where and how these spirits will descend from the center and nucleus of involution; to their external formulation into the heart of the divine kingdom soon to be established, wherein the Lord will begin to unfold the heavenly order, and in which the prayer indited nineteen hundred years ago will manifest its fulfillment in the earth.

It is also claimed by these same wiseacres, that they know more about the essentials of our order than we ourselves do; and that one can be as good a Koreshan outside of the consociative order as within it. Those who will comprise the firstfruits of the coming kingdom, not only cannot work out the condition of incorruption, but will have no desire to continue separate from the

discipline to be wrought in United life. The success of our work depends upon united life, and every teacher of Koreshanity must be authorized to enunciate its gospel.

Koreshanity is an integral system, the result of illumination and a complete revolution in religious, social, commercial, and cosmic conception. Its discovery is

absolute, complete, and universal. Every man will be compelled finally to confess that "He is my Shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure," not a part of it. Such recognition we demand; and all the powers of being will conspire to enforce such recognition of the divine authorization.

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The Negation of Jealousy.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

INVOLVED in the law of conjunctive unity or the absorption of many minds into one central mind, is the logical negation of the principle of jealousy or the disruptive power. The brilliant qualities that claim admiration and might otherwise excite envy in one, belong not merely to the person in question, but to all who await such absorption. "This bitterness of *His* and *Mine* ceases." There is no place for jealousy, no place for covetousness in the Divine Ego, only serene, eternal harmony. In that wonderful twelfth chapter of first Corinthians, the apostle Paul sets forth the organic unity of the disciples of Christ, declaring that by one spirit are we all baptized into one body.

For the body is not one member but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? And if they were all one member, where were the body?

The beauty and perfection of the whole organism depend upon the beauty and completeness of each member, since the distinguishing qualities of each, redound to the honor and glory of all. With what joy, then, should the particular gifts of each be welcomed, commented upon, and cherished! Just the qualities, perhaps, that you have always longed to possess. Now they are yours, for by the attractive power of love, you will presently enter into conjunctive unity with the spirit you admire. Unselfish admiration for what is intrinsically excellent, is prerequisite to the attainment of excellence. "He that loveth, maketh his own, the grandeur he loves." Envy closes the heart toward whatsoever things are lovely and would disrupt the universe by the obliteration of God himself. Where envy is, there is chaos.

In proportion, also, as the body gains from the perfection of each of its members, the individual gains

value and dignity through incorporation into the body; of relation to the whole, he is only a fragment. In the outside world today, humanity is chaotic, men and women sustain no organic relation to society at large, but are mere floating atoms, albeit unconscious of the fact and blindly led, each to fancy himself a structured whole.

There is no principle of organic unity outside of Koreshanity, which re-enforces the religious bond and begins the work of gathering together in one nucleus those who constitute the body of Christ; but as yet there is no health in the body; all the members are diseased, and it is the office of the Great Physician to heal the sick and afflicted, restoring them to perfect soundness. The malady is universal, but multifiform in its manifestations; in some cases the treatment must be harsh and rigorous. The surgeon's knife strikes pain into the quivering flesh; other patients require, perhaps, milder remedies. Divine Wisdom directs the process and ensures the ultimate recovery, provided the sufferer will commit himself confidently and obediently to its instructions. The apostle continues:

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary.

There are two factors which preclude judgment: the interior development which, hidden from all eyes but those of divine discrimination, may be beautiful within, though, perchance, belied by certain external asperities of the natural mind. Second, a consideration of the prospective elimination of retrogressive spirits to be accomplished through the coming baptism. "All are needed by each one." It is suicidal not to love, cherish, protect, and strengthen those who are, in spirit, a part of yourself, with gifts and graces essential to your own completion.



Re-embodiment is part of the process of the soul's passage through the hells. The corruptible body is merely the physical or material cell in which the spirit dwells, the inner consciousness of which is not cognizant of the fact that its pediment is a material body.

When integralism obtains, and the influence of love actuates every individual or member of the universal society, all the interests of the individual become the interests of the mass, for whatsoever affects the one affects the other.

Introspective Study of Human Nature.

BY REV. BERTHA S. DOOMER.

IT MAY BE stated as truthfully today as nineteen hundred years ago, that "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." "All welike sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Certain it is that we are all children of our father the devil, conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. When we would do good, evil is present with us. This corruption has not put on in corruption, nor has this mortal put on immortality. The curse still rests upon us, and dying we die. We are lost; we are undone; we are in hell, and are bound hand and foot to stay there until we have received and applied the science that will enable us to get out of hell, which is the science of life and immortality.

Just here, some one will quote: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." We say, very good; but please show us a man who is "in Christ Jesus; who walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The spirit referred to is certainly the spirit of truth, of wisdom, and of understanding;—the spirit of God, whom none will deny is the spirit of love which fulfils the moral law and is the life of wisdom.

A man's moral walk is the expression of his character, which has been molded into being by processes of involution and evolution perpetually operative. When a man is "in Christ," God is in him, and man and God are one, even as the Lord Jesus and his Father-God were one. No, this mortal race is not "in Christ." He has been cast out of its temple, crucified "and put to an open shame." He is despised and rejected by the whole force of the existing systems of Christendom.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." The sooner we all know that we are sinners—lost, undone, lovers of pleasure in all the lusts of the flesh, more than lovers of God—the better it will be for us. Knowing our real condition, we may become genuinely interested in the salvation of ourselves and the world from sin. The revealing of the Man of Sin must take place in every mortal being. We must stand before a looking-glass and look hard at ourselves; by the aid of its reflections, we must study our forms and physiognomies, and be honest with ourselves, and try to decide how much of God-likeness we behold.

We are told that we shall be satisfied when we awake in his likeness. Who can examine himself in the presence of the Lord Jesus, by the light of the science of the laws of his immortal being, and the aid of a mirror, and feel satisfied with himself as an image and likeness of Deity, which the perfected man must be? The man that can do it righteously, is Deity.

The Christian system so called, the Protestant harlots, and their great mother, the Papacy, who, centuries ago, rejected and finally ejected the spirit of "the way, the truth, and the life" which originally gave them form and comeliness, will find that, unwittingly to them-

selves, by so doing they projected a searchlight for the throne of judgment day, by which their sins will be found out. When once that light penetrates their darkness, it is safe to predict a day of wrath and of burning.

This light is the light of cold science. It enables the judge of all the earth to judge righteous judgment, which is to discriminate and assign, according to a perfect knowledge of the perfect law. This means the employment of every man according as his work shall be; and his work is the character he has produced. It means calling things by their right names. It means the gathering out of all things that offend, and the destruction of the wicked. It means the sweeping away of every refuge of lies. It means a universal call to repentance, and works meet for repentance. It means the establishment of a universal kingdom of righteousness. It means moral compulsion to a scientific obedience to the moral law, fulfilled by the life of the Lord Jesus. It means the joy of intelligent obedience to all of God's laws, for all who hunger and thirst for the righteousness of the law. It means the return of Christ and his enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords. It means the Golden Age foretold and sung by poets and seers. It means everything that a saved sinner can richly enjoy.

It is good to know oneself as a sinner, and to know one's Savior in the self-same hour. It is good to have a true light given when you know you are in the hour and power of darkness. It is good to be made to know yourself and your God at the same time, if your God is a just one and a Savior. There are gods many and lords many, in the judgment of many. There are those "whose god is their belly;" there are those whose god is the almighty dollar, and there are those whose God reveals the way, the truth, and the life, in the science of a law which makes wise the simple, and converts the soul.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." "No man can serve two masters." "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Judgment is given to one who has the light of divine science. We must accept ourselves and others as seen by his light and his sight. When we do this, we have a revelation of what we are and may become. The prize of our high calling is set before us, and we cannot rest till we possess His image and likeness. "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid."

The culminating act of grace is the gift of the light that quickens to life. Grace can do no more than to give life for light, to those who sit in darkness. It is for us to receive the light he has brought to our very deathbeds in hell, to enable us to see his face, to look and live, to arise and walk,—in obedience to His leading.

Sin is altogether hateful. It is necessary to teach humanity the dreadful lessons one has to learn, in order to appreciate and adore and become, righteousness. Every man in his own order learns his lessons in the

hells, before he can taste the delights of a righteous earth and heaven, with any ability to appreciate. Millions are maturing to graduate from hell. 'God hasten the hour of their ascension!

The voice of Koreshanity is the voice of God to the nations, to call them from their graves of mortal corruption, to the inheritance of incorruption. May the weariness of hell spread among the lost, till a cry

goes up for the God of Israel their Savior, whose answer shall be one recognized as mighty to save and strong to deliver. May blind eyes soon be opened; deaf ears be unstopped, and hands and feet unbound by the presence and touch of Truth, that the Shepherd and Stone of Israel,—the sinner's friend, Great High Priest and Physician, may be known, loved, and followed by a mighty host of the lost, found, and led out of this chaos of all the hells into the kingdom of heaven in earth!

Revealed Under the Searchlight.

BY W. H. FAVITT.

Reform for Revenue Only.—Truth not Wanted.

THE FOLLOWING article was prepared and sent to the *New Time*, for the definite purpose of testing its professions of fealty to truth. That it was refused a place in the columns of that journal was a matter of no surprise to the writer; it is published in *THE SWORD* for the benefit of the hundreds of editors of struggling reform papers, who have generously given thousands of dollars' worth of free advertising to establish a great reform-journal monopoly, for which they receive the doubtful compensation of a complimentary copy of gaseous eructations.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the only paper upon whose staff can be found minds capable of formulating and grasping truth; who have the courage of their convictions to speak it, and who are backed in its publication by an intelligent constituency just as determined that the truth shall be known, no matter at what cost!

THE REFORMATION.

We are glad to note the vigorous stand taken by the *New Time*. Truckling to pap-hunting politicians, or bending the hinges of the knee to political parties, has gone too far. If we cannot find a class of journals with moral stamina enough to own a soul, then the sooner journalism is wiped out and the art of printing forgotten, the better it will be for the race.

We are in the throes of a mighty revolution; whether it culminates along peaceable lines, or whether it will come through the use of the sword and machine gun, the result will be the same;—the demolition of the hell of competitive strife. Nothing but the total abolition of every vestige of the competitive system, will satisfy the conscience of the new era. Palliatives are inadequate; patches on the old moth-eaten garments of the past have no part in the establishment of the new order. These old garments hang like the cerements of the tomb, around the limbs of the infant that is already born from the throes and great labor pains of the age, and who will soon take his place as the heir of all things, to lead the children of men to a higher plane and a fuller and more glorious life than any yet conceived by the brain of man.

The new kingdom will be a kingdom of righteousness (right uses) instead of a kingdom of dollars,—whether they be of gold, silver, paper, copper, nickel, or pewter. The inspired writer was inspired by the spirit of evil or by the Spirit of God, when he wrote: "The love of money is the root of all evil." If the competitive system, with its pitiless warfare and the murder of numberless victims, its prostitution of innocence and virtue, its degradation of manhood, and the vices, insanity,

and crimes which follow it like a 'host of goblins, damned,' is right, then the inspired writer was drunk. If these evil things are not right, then he was inspired by the Spirit of truth.

How can the love of money be eradicated from the human heart? Conditions must be created which will abolish the necessity for its use; in this event, the money question, which occupies the mind of so many at the present time, is entirely eliminated from the problem. The only way to meet the aggressions of capital in the formation of giant trusts for the purpose of restricting the output, or controlling the products in any and all lines of industry, for the sake of *profits*,—is for the masses to form a gigantic trust for the benefit of all the people, to stimulate production and increase consumption by abolishing profits, and issuing credit slips to each producer upon an estimated basis of his or her share in the net earnings of the commonwealth. Abolish all titles in unoccupied and unimproved land, thereby making occupancy and use constitute a title, and allow no man to hold more land than he can put to its economic use. Let the government seize and operate the railroads, mines, and telegraph and telephone lines.

The foregoing are a few hints as to some of the planks which will constitute the platform of the party that will usher in the new era for the people. They no doubt will seem radical to some, yet they are very conservative. Anything less than this will be fruitless and barren. The party which dares not make the demand for these reforms is too cowardly, and too ignorant of the significance of the general unrest to be of any practical utility in the inauguration of the new civilization, and will be swept away in the debris of the old. The dawn of the new day has come! "The Son of righteousness arises with healing in his wings."

Religion and Sociology.

A friend from Winona, Minn., wants us to tell all about the religion and sociology of Koreshanity. The religion of Koreshanity embraces the all of knowledge. It is the true interpretation of the universe, in ultimates as well as in primaries. It is scientific, for it guesses at nothing—it knows, because it is the only system which reasons from a demonstrated premise. It is unique, perfect in all its parts, to the minutest detail, therefore a perfect whole.

While it is always a pleasure to present the truths of Koreshanity to the enquiring mind, it sometimes happens that questions are asked that require for an answer a presentation of many lines of thought, which, in the integralism of Koreshanity, are so closely related that they require an elaboration of their component parts, owing to the fact that the perverted knowledge

of the times has seen fit to divorce them. Study Koreshan literature.

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What has become of the spasm of philanthropy which shook the United States from center to circumference, to such an extent that she declared war against Spain on the charge of starving her subjects in Cuba? The inconsistency of the whole thing is glaringly apparent when we consider the fact,—if newspaper correspondents tell the truth,—that the reconcentrados have about all died off, and not one has yet been fed, though the curtain arose on the first act of the bloody tragedy over two months ago.

The United States has spent millions of dollars to destroy the navy of Spain. Why? Is it because this government desires to establish righteous conditions

among the Cubans? If so, it would have appeared far more consistent had she first done a little missionary labor at home. As it is, there has been a vast increase in the burden of debt and usury already fastened upon the backs of the toiling slaves of the nation, and it looks very much as though the conquered would be torn from the grasp of one set of baptized fiends, only to be turned over to another set.

Victor Hugo said: "The paradise of the rich is built on the hells of the poor." Very true, but it is only a mansion in hell. The paradise of the just is a mansion in heaven, built upon experiences gained in the hells, and can be attained only by those who work out their own salvation.

God needs to pity the poor devil who falls under the condemnation of the self-righteous.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

MKINLEY'S PASTOR, the Rev. Dr. Bristol, of Washington, eulogizes science in the light of war. For him, the flash of gunpowder and the weird light of burning battleships are requisite to the conception of the triumphs of the Almighty through modern science! Because the U. S. is able to demolish an old, effete nation, the Dr. concludes that God is running the details of the U. S. government. This approaches the claim of government by divine right, by divine inspiration and authority. The preachers are endeavoring to saddle the church onto the secular power of America, and to give the church credit for the existence of all American institutions. The church that can fasten itself onto existing corrupt political intrigues, demonstrates the fact of the utter destitution of righteousness in the church. The Americans have long ago denounced the claim of monarchies to divine authority; but the insidious fallacies of the modern church are fastening themselves upon the western world. The Dr. endeavors to web modern science in with the church as further evidence that both are from God. He says: "There is no chance, no accident, no fate. Law is universal. The more scientific a people become, the stronger will be their belief in providence. It is science or knowledge that brings us in touch or alliance with Providence." The Rev. Dr. knows that, as applied to modern science and to the present conditions of the world, these words are untrue. The more of modern science, the more of higher criticism, of atheism and agnosticism! Modern science does not bring us to God; the modern church is a departure from him, and the modern governments are only fragments of order. True science alone can bring God to his destiny, and establish the genuine government in the earth,—the new universal Empire, the divine Theocracy.

Personal ambition, rather than patriotism, stirs the modern general in the face of danger. It causes the great leaders to face not only their enemies, but also their friends, and to wrong them. Jealousy floats on the American battleships, and marches at the head of the ranks in Cuba. A notable instance is seen at the time of the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. When Admiral Cervera dashed out of the harbor at Santiago for liberty on the morning of July 3, the American flagship New York, with Admiral Sampson, was off on a pleasure trip. The command of the American fleet fell to the lot of Commodore

Schley. He directed the movements of the American engines of war, and one by one the enemy's vessels were destroyed; he demanded the surrender of the Spanish Admiral, and the answer was signalled, "I surrender unconditionally to Commodore Schley." At this juncture Sampson returned, after the fleet was destroyed, and refused to allow Schley to accept the surrender of the enemy; he then reported the victory to Washington in his own name, and *actually stole* Schley's honor for winning the greatest victory in naval warfare! Besides this, fraudulent methods placed Sampson's name first on the list for promotion by Congress, so as to preclude the possibility of Schley being made senior admiral of the victorious navy.

Repetition admirably serves the modern church and school in inculcating ideas. It is a method that is absolutely necessary at the present time of alarming mental idiocy, resulting from wholesale dissipation of the energies of life. The process is artificial, and serves to make only a show on the outside, while the heart remains unchanged. The true system of education does not employ such methods; any system that employs them builds itself artificially, and becomes a mere shell without life. In Christian Science, we find a manifestation of utter destitution of the light of truth, as evidenced by iteration for the purpose of making lasting impressions from the exterior; it is a bombardment of the rational faculties by that which is known to be untrue; it is a process of persuading or wheedling of the reason to reach conclusion, against which it would rebel if left to its normal functions. We present a few items of a false formula with which the mind of the student of the fallacy is assailed: "I am divine harmony. I am poised in life. I am poised in wisdom. I am poised in love. I rest in the holiness of thy dwelling." It has the same effect that the repetition of prevarications has upon the proverbial liar; he tells his stories so often that he finally concludes they are true.

Have you seen the new war tax list? The new war revenue stamps must be placed on all telegrams, deeds, papers of transfer, articles of agreement, charters, drafts, checks, and passenger tickets; on patent medicines, tobacco, beer, and whiskey, and other articles. From the tax thus imposed, millions of dollars are pouring into the treasury at Washington.

Who pays the war tax on any article? The man who buys it last—the man who pays the money that puts the article into his possession for use; it is paid by the consumer! There is not one cent of war tax imposed upon the wealth of the millionaire; war tax does not touch the rich,—and Wall street escapes. Syndicates, monopolies, and trusts contribute nothing to the expenses of the war, while the common people pay rents and interest; the city, county, and state tax, as well as the percentage of profits of all dealers, from the manufacturer to the retailer, besides producing the wealth of the world! The expenses of the war will finally be paid to the millionaire; they will ultimately own or control every square mile of territory seized as indemnity from Spain; they have everything to gain, while they are losing nothing.

American interest centers about the city of Santiago, Cuba, where the American forces have the Spaniards surrounded under fire of bombardment. The Spanish generals refuse to yield, though the Spanish navy has been destroyed, and all hope of victory gone. The war party of Spain is still in control, and the policy pursued for the past few months is likely to continue until Spain is forced to surrender at the mouth of the world's greatest guns. During the past two months forty Spanish ships have been destroyed or captured, embracing two fleets of warships. The Philippines and the Ladrone Islands are in possession of the United States; Cuba is under effective blockade, and Porto Rico is to be taken. 1,600 Spanish marines, with Admiral Cervera, have been captured, and several thousand Spaniards killed. The United States government is manifesting its naval and military strength; it is creating a sensation among the powers of Europe, and forcing recognition in the first ranks of all the governments of the world. The American nation has undertaken to humiliate Spain; the outlook at present is that it will inflict a terrible retribution upon the home of the Inquisition.

In the enthusiasm of the war, the modern church finds it opportune to detract from its weaknesses. Two nations are at war; they are so called Christian nations. One is old, whose garments are soaked in the blood of murdered millions; the other is younger, with a smaller crime calendar. The church has failed to civilize Spain, and has contributed nothing to the civilization of America. After being unable to do anything itself, the church is now crying aloud what it thinks the Almighty is doing for America—an admission that in order to work out the destiny of the American nation, the Almighty himself must take the lines out of the hands of the church and direct the nation's progress! Under the circumstances he must do this; when he assumes control, the worthless institutions that have presumed to do his work will be blotted out of existence. The church is falling into rapid disintegration, and will soon be no more!

Modern reformers are to modern social evils what the medical fraternity is to the diseases of humanity; they treat symptoms, not the diseases. They cannot cure, because they have not the medicine. The result of the work of the medical quacks is the creation of abnormal conditions; they do not prevent people from dying. Reformers stimulate society and the commercial world, and inflame their imagination; others will deaden the sensibilities by opiates, but they cannot avert the coming catastrophe. The old order, with all its institutions, is going to die and pass into utter dissolution. The man who reconstructs human society will not embody the old life; he must be able to bring into the natural world new elements and clothe them with new forms, for the old will soon be destroyed.

The gold god is a tyrant; he rules the world. All activities in every department of commerce are conducted to satisfy his greed. He controls the home, the church, the school, and the country. He stipulates the terms of every transaction, and directs in the making of every law. Warships fight for his benefit; cars run for his profit, and every store on every street is conducted in accordance with his wishes. He favors here, and crushes there; he smiles on those who respond to his spirit, and curses the slave who grumbles at his lot. The modern gold god is a devil. Koshanmy must overcome his power ere the world is freed from bondage!

The greatest obstacle in the way of progress of truth, is the general lack of mental ability to comprehend it. But few men in Jesus' time were attracted by his teachings, for the reason that they lacked the faculty of perception of the truth in the degree in which it was manifest in him. The character of the mental world today requires that we demonstrate our demonstrations; we are asked to prove our proofs, and to explain our explanations. The result is that we have to see our own sights, observe our own observations, say our own sayings, run our own race, and fight our own battles.

The Roman church is known throughout Christendom as the "mother church;" the Protestants recognize her as such, while they undertake to prove from Scripture statements that she is the "mother of harlots." It would be consistent in claiming kinship with the mother church, as daughters of the great mother, to recognize the fact that the daughters—her numerous orthodox offspring, are religious harlots!

A system of religion that does not possess the knowledge of the form and function of the physical universe, that does not possess the knowledge of the functions of the human structure, is unable to reconstruct human society,—to say nothing of re-forming man or resurrecting him from the dead!

There is no question about the production of wealth; it is produced by labor, by the force of mind, muscle, and machinery. There is a question about the distribution of wealth; it is not distributed to those who produce it. Millions make the money of the millionaire.

The people of America have been gulled into the belief that the government of the United States is a government by and for the people. Every enactment of Congress and of every legislative body, passes under the inspection of the millionaire!

The modern astronomer denies the existence of either up or down in space. The Koshanmy System demonstrates both up and down. There is no perpendicular about the popular system, because it lies! It is not upright.

The modern church would be greatly disappointed if the Lord should drop down from the sky on a clear day; they are after clouds, and a great pyrotechnic display.

No man can read human nature, who is in ignorance of man's origin and destiny.

The absolute truth is the only thing that will make men absolutely true.

Perfect liberty obtains through obedience to the laws of the universe.

A system that is not absolutely true cannot be real truth.

Warships plow the sea to cultivate national patriotism.

Man cannot stand upright until he is resurrected.

The fall of Spain is at hand!

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Propagation of Life.

We congratulate you on the wonderful truths you are giving forth in every issue of your paper. In accordance with your kind invitation, we enclose a few questions.

(1) Is all animal life, including reptiles and insects of all kinds, the outflow or materialized form of spirit entities? (2) Did Jesus know all the embodiments through which he had passed up to the time he was born of the Virgin Mary? (3) How was Jesus born of the Virgin? In other words, can you explain the mystery of the immaculate conception? (4) Will the 144,000 sons of God in time be translated as Jesus was, and their bodies changed (transmuted) into spirit substance, and be planted as seed in the human race, to produce in the proper cycle of time, a multiplied number of the sons of God? (5) Can a child be begotten through and by spirit intercourse alone? (6) When the spirit of a loved one enters us at death, how long does such spirit remain with us, or how long is it before such spirit is re-embodied? (7) Is there a central, universal consciousness outside of and separate from man? (8) What number of spirits were resurrected in the personality of the Lord Jesus? (9) What is the meaning of being born of the Spirit and of water? (10) What is the meaning of Prov. xviii: 22?—N. C. M., and S. H. C., Kingston, Tex.

(1) The animal kingdom is the plane of conjunction between the descending degrees of life of the human kingdom, and the ascending degrees of life in the vegetable and mineral kingdoms. Every animal represents a principle of mind. Life that is in the animal kingdom is not human life, but life that has descended to the animal plane through laws of deposition and use of waste. In the animal kingdom we have the expression of every quality of thought in the anthropotic world; as the human world is progressive and retrogressive, in the animal kingdom we find animals which correspond—some are specifically good, while others are characteristically bad. Thus in one grand cycle, the animal kingdom receives descending life from two general stages of humanity. The cause of all pestiferous animals and insects is traced to the hells of humanity.

(2) Jesus involved the universe in three planes of consciousness—he was the impression of all universal experience. He was conscious of all past *interior* experiences. When resurrected in the 144,000, he will awake in the natural, and consequently come into the knowledge of the universe; then he will *know*, in the external consciousness. In his external consciousness nineteen hundred years ago, he did not remember his experiences in the human hells of past re-embodiments.

(3) Koreshanity scientifically explains and demonstrates the mystery of the im-

maculate conception of Jesus. Jesus was begotten parthenogenetically, by the unconscious transmission of mental force from Joseph at the time of the betrothal. Mary was a virgin, not because she was chaste, but because functionally, she was male and female, but only in the most external or exoteric phase of her being; the blood corpuscles culminating in both germ and sperm. The conception was in accordance with the operation of law; Joseph was instrumental in impregnating a virginal brain cell, which resulted in the virginal conception. The virginal cell was the involution of constructive energies conserved in the Jewish race through special rites designed to produce that result. After conception, Jesus was gestated and born as any other child.

(4) The sons of God will dematerialize after completing a career in tangible manifestation, and be absorbed in humanity. This absorption will not be for the purpose of multiplying each son of God, but to perpetuate the universe; instead of multiplying, they fitfully become involved in one personality, as in Jesus nineteen hundred years ago.

(5) Virginal propagation is not possible except where virginal propagative functions are present; these obtain at two different periods of one grand cycle: First, in a single instance, as nineteen hundred years ago; second, when the race has developed to a higher plane of sex uses, hundreds of thousands will be produced parthenogenetically.

(6) The length of a career of an entity in the spiritual world depends upon the character of the entity. The career culminated in a dissolution or death; and, as in the natural, it occurs sometimes in infancy, and sometimes in old age. The more tenacious the life in the spiritual world, the greater the resistance to attraction of the natural world. In some cases, a few years intervene between embodiments; in others a century or more.

(7) There is no central or universal human or divine consciousness outside of humanity. The central sun is the center of consciousness of the alchemico-organic world.

(8) Jesus contained millions of spirits—all angelic spheres, as well as the divine entities of the most interior. There is never more nor less than the perfect number on the divine plane—144,000; these will be expressed in 144,000 tangible personalities in the coming ages.

(9) Jesus was planted in the soul of man. This process was the birth of spirits he

had involved,—the transposition of spirits from the Jewish dispensation into the Christian. At the end of the dispensation, the new birth in the natural will obtain through the application of scientific truth, the water of life. This will be the salvation of the body, the birth of the *saved soul* into the natural humano-divine kingdom.

(10) This text refers to the divine marriage. Jesus was biune—male and female in one form—he had the bride in him. The great marriage of the Lamb is the conjunction of God and man in the 144,000 biune sons of God. The Bible deals scientifically and specifically with the experiences of the Almighty in heaven and in hell, not of the experiences of the lower humanity, whose origin is from beneath.

Solar Time and the Zodiac.

(1) As the moon moves forward in the constellations about 13° in 24 hours, and consequently rises about 50 minutes later each day, why should not the sun also rise about 4 minutes later each day, since it goes forward in the constellations approximately 1° per day? (2) Do you hold to a stationary Zodiac, like the Hindus, or to a movable one like the Western nations? With the Hindus the signs and constellations are the same; but with the Western nations the signs shift coincident with the precession of the equinoxes. Which do you regard as the correct classification? (3) How deep does the molten matter of the earth's shell lie, and how great is its area? (4) Does the Koreshan promise admit of changes of relation between sea and land sufficient for both the emergence and sinking of continents from the ocean?—E. W., Lakeside, Cal.

(1) There are three systems of time,—the lunar, solar, and stellar, as determined by the respective movements of the moon, sun, and stars. The length of the lunar day is considered in relation to solar time, when we say that it is 24 hours and 50 minutes. We refer to solar time when we say that a sidereal day is 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds in length. If we considered star time as the standard, and measure it into even 24 hours per revolution of the stellar sphere, then the sun would rise 3 minutes and 56 seconds later every day. The clocks in general use are founded upon mean solar time. The solar day is the interval of time between two successive noons, or solar culminations. The stars appear to move about 1° in advance of the sun each day. While the star sphere makes 366 revolutions, the sun completes one revolution in the heavens in the opposite direction, thereby making 365 revolutions, as seen from the earth.

(2) The arrangement of the signs and constellations in the Koreshan Astron-

omy is unlike the arrangement in any other system. The Koreshean System of Astro-Anthroposophy is founded on the relations of the heliocentric constellations, and the geo circumferential signs. The signs are in the earth, and are stationary; geographically, the sign Aries begins at the meridian of Greenwich, and extends eastward in the direction of the ecliptic, 30°; then Taurus, then Gemini; Cancer begins at Calcutta, India, and so on. The order of the constellations in the heavens begins at Aries; on March 21, at noon, the constellation Aries is directly over the sign; the order is to the eastward, in the direction of the right ascension. At noon March 21 the sun crosses the equinoctial at a given point; 12 months later, the place of its crossing in the physical heavens, is about 30° of a degree to the west on the equinoctial. In this way we have the precession of the equinoxes, or the recession of the Zodiac. Reference to page 16, and a careful study of the relations of the rotating heavens and stationary earth, with the above suggestions, may make the subject clearer to the mind of the inquirer.

(3) The alchemical fires in the earth's shell are local, lying in belts in the volcanic regions, as manifested by the mountain systems with active volcanoes. The size of the veins of vulcan fires vary according to the supply of substances consumed; in some cases the area is small, in others, several hundred square miles. The fires are confined to the geologic strata; the depth of the burning caverns is only a question of a few miles.

(4) Yes; the continents are slowly but constantly changing. At long intervals there occur cataclysms, catastrophes, and upheavals in the earth; the poles change and reverse—at one time the present north pole was tropical. Koreshean Geology treats of these changes, shifts of continental area, glaciers and floods, as demonstrated by the broken and deranged strata. The science of geology is the science of the process of perpetual creation of the physical cosmos, and deposition and decomposition of substances in the shell of the great battery.

The Book of Mormon and the Brazen Plates.

I have been a reader of THE FLAMING SWORD for eight years, and I have never seen anything in it concerning Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, nor concerning the plates which he claimed to have found near Palmyra, N. Y. Is the book of Mormon a humbug, or is it a reliable history, just as much as the Christian Bible?—E. G. D., Ashmont, O.

The book of Mormon is a latter-day fallacy, a reflex from some phases of truth, and is consequently antithetical. Joseph

Smith was a medium, and mistook the inspiration of fallacy for the inspiration of the Almighty. Mormonism is no part of the truth, and has no relation to it, except the relation that a perversion sustains to the true. As the book of Mormon purports to be the mere translation of the plates, we may judge of the character of the plates from the book. The reality of the plates, even if admitted, does not guarantee the truth of what was written on them. The doctrines of the Mormon so called church are no worse than the doctrines of orthodoxy; they represent one phase of the disintegration of the old order of the present dispensation.

The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

The more I read and reflect on your theory, the more I am convinced that it is genuine truth or science; for it is reasonable and logical, and hence, comprehensible. The only sure way to find the truth is to apply the principles of logic. Founded as your theory is, on the premises of known and proven facts or demonstrated truths, what other test is necessary to prove whether it is right or wrong? Will those who deny it, test it by applying the principles of logic and show us where it is wrong? If their conclusion is logical, they are right; but if not, they are wrong. The earth's concavity is proven by actual experiment, and it is not more reasonable to believe in a truth manifest in such a philosophy or science founded on the form of the universe or cosmos? But people will not investigate, they will not test it to see if it is right or wrong. Their stubborn, blind resistance is enough to make a thinking mind despair! This new and strange doctrine, yet so old, gives us a different understanding of the laws of life. Every act of our daily life, which before we were wont to perform as a matter of course, without thinking or reasoning why, we now know is made to depend upon certain scientific laws which are known and understood as fundamental laws of nature; it enables us to take a broader view of the facts. We now intelligently obey what we then ignorantly followed. We now believe in the living God and the living church. We know that liberty is law, not license to do as we please.—Mrs. A. W., Hayti, S. Dak.

Koresheanism is something new to me. I am interested in everything that tends to make the world better. I am glad to get some new light on the Bible, as a promoter of good government. The so called Christian religion is a failure! It is used only as a cloak to cover the evil designs of those who stand at the head of state and church. Every one has a right to be happy. Are Christians more happy than barbarians? I doubt it. Wishing you God-speed in your good work, I am a friend to your cause.—E. C. S., Albertville, Ala.

I received the copies of the *Courier-Journal* a few days ago, and have read them carefully. I wish to know more about the philosophy advanced before making up my mind upon the somewhat startling and peculiar statements made. One thing is certain, there are many difficulties in the way of thoroughly accepting the current theories of progress and success in propagating the Truth, whatever it may be.—F. D. B., Terre Haute, Ind.

I will canvass the town for the new book when it is ready. I do not know how many I can sell, but I will try.—Mrs. H. E. C., Windsor Locks, Conn.

Chat With Readers.

The next issue of THE SWORD will contain another letter from Prof. J. W. T., of Salem, O., written after our recent reply concerning the phenomena of the stary vault. We will also show from the admissions made that the Copernican System is founded upon appearances, and not upon tangible and demonstrable facts; and that unless the modern astronomer is allowed to build his structure with his foundation in the physical heavens, with the consequent inversion of the order of demonstration and construction, he cannot build at all. Attorney Blodgett appears again also, and we will notice his letter briefly, while awaiting his promised "inexpensive method" of settling the entire question of the earth's shape—something which he considers as infallible and absolutely conclusive enough, not only to constitute a valuable contribution to the scientific world, as the only really reliable proof that the earth is convex, but also sufficiently conclusive to settle the question for us, and to enable us to quit the astronomical business. Watch his evidences!

"Revealed Under the Searchlight," by W. H. PAVITT, contains an article refused by the *New Time*, a would-be reform journal for revenue only, which does not favor reform nor co-operation. Scores of liberal papers are advertising the *New Time* reform monopoly, who never get a mention in its pages. It is poor co-operation that works all one way; it is the kind that Wall street enjoys! During the past six months we have mentioned every journal received at our desk, and exchange advertisements with a number of them. We have never asked anything for nothing; but the *New Time* has lots of gall. THE FLAMING SWORD prints a greater number of square inches of matter in twelve months than the *New Time*; and we charge journals nothing for exchange of papers!

We do not believe in accepting the will of the majority—neither do you, when you come to think of it. The American colonies repudiated the will of the majority of the English, 130 years ago; and now you would not be guided by the majority of the Russians, nor the Africans, to say nothing of the Spaniards! Neither would it do to follow the Catholics, nor the Protestants. The will and the opinions of the majority are all wrong then. Applied to journals, it is just the same. In many things, you see, you would agree with us. We believe in the littleness of the many, and the greatness of the few! THE FLAMING SWORD stands at the head of the few great journals of the world. There are a few progressive journals; there is only one that is the most progressive!

"The Origin of Serpent Worship" continues the series of profound articles by KORESH on "The Common Origin of all Religions." Let the reader remember in the

study of this series, the law of antithesis—that every principle, function, and form in the universe has its opposite; that in the process of the expression of the divine mind, perversion must obtain. Today serpent worship is perverted, and false wisdom is the result, in the church, in the relations of sex, and in the social affairs of the world.

Genuine study of human character does not consist in studying other people; you can see yourself better than you can see others; you can analyze your own motives and desires; besides, you are always with yourself. An excellent article in this issue, "Intropective Study of Human Character," by REV. BERTHA S. BOOMER, treats this subject in its true light. You must know yourself; the transformation must take place in your own character; you must overcome. Look within, with the searchlight of science. Then you will be able to understand how greatly others need to do the same!

The GUNS OF THE FLAMING SWORD are bombarding the forts of fallacy and corruption, and we demand surrender, on penalty of destruction! There is but one way to demolish existing evils, and that is to "hit the spot"—to get at the center of power, and to overthrow it. If you know of any other journal than THE FLAMING SWORD that has the knowledge, the ability, and the courage to lay the ax at the root of the tree, kindly let us know. We refer to both theory and practice!

Some people want ideas that will suit their fancy, or that are in harmony with a hobby or with preconceived opinions, without regard to truth. Do you read THE SWORD to obtain ideas to adapt to your views, or to adapt your views to the only perfect and harmonious System in the world? Do not attempt to put a patch on Koreshanity; it would make your patch look bad and out of place!

Think up names and addresses of people you would like to see interested in Koreshanity. We desire the names of progressive people, people who have thought a little out of the usual ruts. Don't you know of a few such? Send their names on a postal, or make a list of a number and send in a letter.

Send 10 names for one month's subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD, accompanied by \$1; trial subscription is more effective than sample copy. Try a circle of your friends; you may interest some of them to begin investigation of the only true System of Knowledge in the world.

If you think a little, every copy of THE FLAMING SWORD will tell you things you never thought of before; it will always tell you things radically different from anything else in the world. Plagiarists cannot even imitate Koreshanity!

If you care for what becomes of the world, do something to care for it.

The World's News.

Wednesday, July 6.—Chicago dailies resume publication, with 4-page sheets, after missing five issues.—Santiago under cover of 293 warship guns, besides land forces.—Sagasta, Spanish premier, finally admits to his people, the loss of Cervera's fleet.—Ladron Islands captured by cruiser Charleston, and Spanish governor and soldiers taken to Manila.—To offset Sampson's effort to steal Schley's honor for defeat of Cervera in naval battle off Santiago, resolution is introduced in Congress giving Schley the credit; referred to naval affairs committee.—Foreign papers advise Spain to sue for peace.—Military revolt against the government of Uruguay.—Ladron Islands captured by British.—Young Leiter's debts.—French liner La Bourgoigne collides with British ship Cromartyshire, off coast of Nova Scotia and sunk; nearly 600 drowned.

Thursday.—Hawaii annexed to U. S., by action of Senate after passing lower House.—Spanish warship Alphonso XII. destroyed at Havana while attempting to run the U. S. blockade.—Spanish Admiral Canara ordered back to Spain; spent \$150,000 canal toll to bluff U. S. government.—Spanish Gen. Toral agrees to exchange Holson for Spanish prisoners.—Citizens fleeing from Santiago by the hundreds.—Gen. Pando wounded in engagement with Cuban insurgents.—Wheat market closes at 69c.—Big Chicago bicycle company fails.

Friday.—American troops take up quarters at Manila in Spanish barracks.—Gen. Miles sails for Santiago to assume command of U. S. military forces.—Hawaiian annexation measure becomes law by signature of President McKinley.—Lieut. Hobson and companions released from Morro castle, Santiago, safe on board flagship New York.—European powers decline to help Spain.—Death of Parker Pillsbury, Concord, N. H., associate of Garrison and Wendell Phillips in the anti-slavery movement, subscriber to THE FLAMING SWORD, announced in daily press.

Saturday.—Newspapers fixing up peace conditions and Spain's surrender.—Shafter demands unconditional surrender of Santiago; truce ends at noon today.—Another famine in Havana.—Heavy rains and storms discomfort soldiers in Florida and Cuba.

Sunday.—Generals Linares and Toral refuse to surrender Santiago; Shafter prepares for attack and bombardment.—Hotel St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Mich., destroyed by fire.—Clyde line steamship Delaware burns near Barnegat Inlet, New York.—European powers change attitude toward U. S., Spain slipping from their favor.—U. S. flag raised at Honolulu.

Monday.—More peace plans gotten up for Spain by newspapers.—Admiral Cervera and 800 Spanish marines in prison at Portsmouth, N. H.—Spaniards at Santiago offer to surrender if allowed to march out with colors and arms.—Bombardment of city has begun; Sampson shatters fortifications and throws shells into city of Santiago.—Newspapers now discover Spain unwilling to ask for peace.—Germany threatens to take Manila with warships in Eastern waters.

Tuesday.—Flag of truce at Santiago asks Shafter to cease firing; a Spanish rue to gain time.—Sagasta tenders his resignation to Queen Regent.—Gen. Miles arrives at Santiago, and threatens to make short work of capturing the city.—Shafter makes second demand for unconditional surrender, and is again refused by Spanish officers.—Miles, Shafter, Sampson, Schley and Garcia plan to capture city at once.

In Reform Journals.

Rev. Lyman Abbott's New God.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott, in a late sermon at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, took as his subject the change in religions thought and theological conceptions in the last 30 or 40 years. From a report of it, in the New York Sun, we glean the following conjectures about God:

Nobody can deny that in the last 30 or 40 years there has been a change in religious conceptions. Many men have changed their views. I know that I have, and although we can not attack those who hold to the views which we think we have outgrown, the change must be illustrated by our own experience.

God, I now think, is not apart from nature but dwells in nature. That is made this world and is now the engine of it I cannot now believe. There are no forces; there is but one force, God. There are no causes, for there is but one great underlying cause. Natural and supernatural are the same.

I have come to think that creation is a continuous process, with God himself in the process always. Every spring, every year, every day, every hour is a new creation. Imagine him gone and the Universe is gone. He is the ruler, not over the Universe, but in it. Is not that pantheism you ask. No, for there is a difference between "the all" and "in all."

I can no longer believe in special Providences, unless all are special. He did no more in guiding Moses than in guiding Gladstone. He is the leader at the Red sea of old, than our emancipation leader in the red sea of blood.

Revelation is a continual process, with God showing himself to man more and more as the years go by. He is disclosing just as fast as we are able to comprehend. God rules the human race from within, as does the teacher, or the father, or the pastor.

I no longer look forward to a great day of resurrection. The resurrection is as continuous as that of the plant from the seed.—*Philosophical Journal*.

The Sword of My Fathers.

The Sword of my Fathers—ofttimes in my dreaming

It flashes again through the thick of the fight,

At Concord, at Trenton, at Ticonderoga—Wherever bold hearts steadfast stood for the Right.

It hung in its sheath while the swift years went flying,

Then leapt forth once more for the Union assailed;

Through thirty years of conflict and carnage unequalled,

Whatever the peril, that sword never failed.

Again up the heavens a war-cloud is rising,
Its terror and gloom might the stoutest appall;

Shall it be my duty to seize at the sun-
noons

'This Sword of my Fathers that hangs on
the wall?

Se'er hand of the dastard or craven hath
borne it,

It ne'er hath defended an emprise unjust;
Grant, Spirit of Light, with heart pure
and hands stainless

I wield it today as a most sacred trust.

Not mine the impatience or mad haste of
passion

That rushes to arms to avenge every
slight;

Yet strong in the Truth, where its white
banner leadeth,

I'll falter not, fail not, 'for God and the
Light,"—Meta E. B. Thorne, in the

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Johnson is a man who sees things as they
are, and who is frank to tell how he sees
them. Recently he delivered himself of
this statement:

I don't believe in charity. It is merely
another drink to a slinky man. What the
world needs is justice and not benevolence.
I shall continue to decline to give checks to
elemosynary institutions, and I shall
leave no money to build churches and
found libraries. My family will be well
provided for, but the rest of my fortune,
after my death, as well as before, will be
spent in trying to teach people how to stop
me, and men like me, from robbing them.
So long as it is permitted to any man to
take what doesn't belong to him through
monopolizing nature's resources and the
private ownership of public utilities,
plenty of men of my kind will always be
ready to jump in and do the stealing. My
mission is to show the people how it is
done, to take what they are stupid enough
to let me take, and to show them how they
can put an end to the system which en-
riches me and impoverishes them.—Ex.

A "SCIENTIFIC" NOTE.

Aburdities of "Science" Meeting With Dis-
favor Among Editors.

The earth is the result of an explosion
that occurred upon the sun, some scien-
tists estimate, thirty millions of years ago.
When the explosion occurred the sun was
most likely in a gaseous state and the
violence was sufficient to throw the earth
far enough away to come within the range
of gravitational attraction of other planets,
consequently what is now the earth did not
fall back into the sun from which it had
been thrown. Other planets have been
caused the same way and from the same
source; for instance, the moon and Mars.
If a ball should be shot out of a cannon
with sufficient force to land it upon Mars,
if the inhabitants of that planet should use
the same word in naming it as we do they
would call it "meteorite." If, however,
the ball should only have sufficient velocity

to carry, say half way to Mars, it would
then come to a stop at a point where it
would be acted upon by the attraction of
all surrounding planets, consequently it
would fall upon neither, but would imme-
diately take on a motion or orbit of its
own, when it would become a true planet,
just as our earth is.—*Atlanta Decimator.*

We gaze with awe upon the wonderful
man, who with telescope and spectro-
scope in hand, and the "Principia" close
by, tells us all about when and how and
why the world and sun were made and
when they will go into universal liquida-
tion for want of further business. Take
for instance the above gem of thought of
the tremendous knowledge of its originator.
Thirty million years ago, says he, an
explosion occurred in the sun, of a sub-
marine mine or a torpedo, and the earth
was blown sky high. It fortunately
chanced that the explosive force was so
graduated that the earth never fell back
into the sun, nor was drawn further out-
ward into one of the alleged "giant planets"
Saturn or Jupiter, but was caught and
balanced between them and the sun.

But we are not so overcome with awe
that we are past speaking; consequently
we presume humbly to ask, merely for in-
formation, What attractive force held
the first planet thus created from falling back
into the sun?—*Equity, Santa Clara, Cal.*

Gall.

There is a fellow out in Chicago, that
windy city, who has, we fear, absorbed too
much of the frisky breeze. He calls him-
self Koresch, but his mother called him
Cyrus. He had used, in some of his writ-
ings published in *THE FLAMING SWORD*,
his organ, the word "Universology" and
"E. G. B.," of Brooklyn, N. Y., wrote
him for information, asking if it had any
connection with the teachings of the late
Stephen Pearl Andrews. Mr. Andrews
spent a lifetime in investigation of natural
laws, the results of which were largely
embodied in a publication called by him
"The Basic Outline of Universology." The
reply "E. G. B." got, *FLAMING SWORD*,
4-15-'98, p 10, was:

The Koreschian System of Universology has no re-
lation whatever to the theories of Stephen Pearl
Andrews, except in so far as he copied from his
teachings of Koresch.

This philosopher asks us to believe that
the earth is a hollow sphere and that we
are inside of it, on its concave surface, in
place of being on the outside upon its
convex surface, to which we don't serious-
ly object, only on the general grounds that
they would like to know "where we are
at." But we doubt his being very positive
of it in his own case.—*Vineland Inde-
pendent.*

How Riches Are Acquired.

The commonest method is to exploit
the brains and labor of others; to give
little and take much; to buy cheap and
sell dear; to take advantage of the igno-
rance of the weak with whom one deals; in
other words, by an elaborate system of
theft and the elevation of larceny to a
fine art. To take advantage of a number
of workmen, victims of the competitive
system, by compelling them to accept
wholly inadequate wages that a large ag-
gregate profit may be made out of their
earnings, is a system which can hardly be
dignified by a better epithet than spolia-
tion. Only the other day, a large employ-
er of labor in the Midlands was showing a
friend over his works. Presently they
paused in one of the yards between the

various buildings. Pointing to a work-
man some little distance from them, the
employer said, "That man earns me £5 a
week." "What wages do you give him,
then?" asked the other. "Sixteen shil-
lings a week," was the astonishing reply.
This rate of profit would, of course, rap-
idly result in the acquisition of wealth,
other conditions being equal; but exploita-
tion of such a flagrant character could
scarcely, we think, be justified by any
other code of morals than that which ob-
tains among modern capitalists.—*Pro-
gressive Review.*

Irrepressible.

I am the swiftest thing on earth!

I jump from continent to continent!

I leap

Across the deep,

From continent to orient!

I never rest,

I never stop!

From east to west,

From field to shop

I swoop

Now with a whoop

Of exultation,

Now with a tinge of perturbation!

Day after day

I retain my wonderful gait!

I never rest, I never stay!

I am busier than fate!

I am here and there,

I am everywhere

At the same time—

In every land—in every clime—

I am always busy with a big B,

And men quit eating to consider me—

I am the war rumor!

—*Cleveland Leader.*

Corrupt Church and State.

The era of competition is ended. The
era of combination has opened. All busi-
ness is concentrating. In this massing of
capital there is coming to be an absolute
domination over the wage worker, over
the interests of the people at large, over
the life of the State itself. Yet this move-
ment is natural and necessary. It is in
the line of economic progress. The real
question concerning it is: "Can these new
orders grow a soul within, a spirit capable
of mastering these monster powers and
using them, not for self-aggrandizement,
but for human service?" If it cannot,
there is a revolution ahead worse than any
the world has hitherto known. If it can,
there opens an era of boundless, beneficent
progress. This is a question of religion.
It is the choice between an ever-troth faith,
hope, and love. Plainly, a real religion of
some sort is imperatively needed—more
needed than ever.—*Rev. Heber Newton.*

If Lincoln Should Come Back.

The gloomy side of civilization today
would undoubtedly send Lincoln hurrying
back to his grave. He would look sadly
out of date to begin with—for his breed
has almost died out. He is not fat and
cynical like Tom Reed, nor cunning and de-
vicious like Hill, nor smoothly self-compla-
cent like Low. He would be a strange fig-
ure among our public men. With his
loose, ill-fitting clothes, his huge hands
and feet, his honest face and his honest
soul, not for sale, he would startle a Have-
sayer or Rockefeller into fits of apoplectic
fits. Think of him walking among New
York's hundred thousand unemployed,
among the starving New Bedford strikers!
And imagine him among the dead and
wounded at Gettysburg! He would say:
"They never murdered their slaves whole-
sale in my day; take me back to my tomb."
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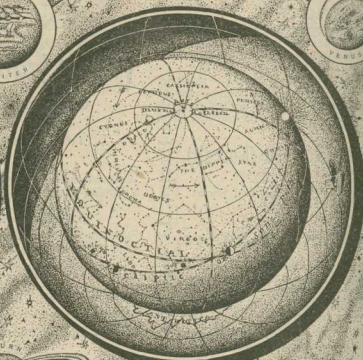
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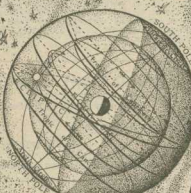
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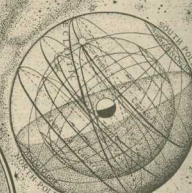
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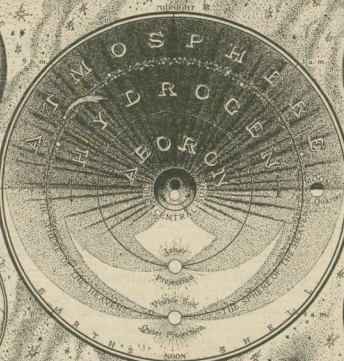
Summer Solstice, June 21.
Continuous Day at the North Pole, and Long
Night within the Arctic Circle.



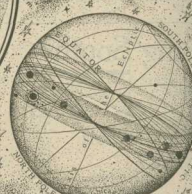
Winter Solstice, Dec. 21.
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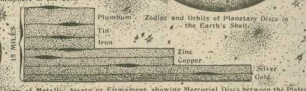
Position of the Celestial and Terrestrial Poles, from KAFFAGE.



The Cause of Day and Night.
Cross-Sectional View of the Cosmic Electro-Magnetic Battery, With the Sun as the
"Perpetual Fire" and Pole. The Southern Hemisphere of the Cell.



SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE EARTH'S CRUST, 100 Miles in thickness, showing the STRATA.



View of Metallic Strata or Firmaments, showing Mercurial Discs between the Plates.

The Cellular Cosmogony or Koresshan Astronomy.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED, OF CHICAGO.

The Earth is a stationary Concave Cell, about 8,000 miles in diameter, with people, Suns, Moon, Planets, and Stars on the inside, the whole constituting the only physical Universe in existence. It is an Alchemico-Organic Structure, a Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, the Central Sun being the Positive Pole, and the Earth the Negative Elements of the Cell. The Universe involves the laws and functions of its own perpetuity, and is Eternal. All Life is Cellular—within the cell. we inhabit the Earth. Koresshan Cosmogony comports with all facts of Astronomical, Geographical, Geological, and Alchemical research, and International Geologic Survey, Experimentation and Navigation. It interprets all Ancient Legends, Mythologies, and Bibles, and furnishes the basis of all Reason and Science, the premise of the true Theology, Theocracy, and Social Economy.